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4000 THROWN OFF LOS ANGELES RELIEF LISTS

Employers, Police Plot Anti-Labor Drive

Will Seek To Frame California Communists Under C. S. Act

Financial Backing Is Promised By S. F. Employers

FRESNO, Calif., March 26 — The basis of a sinister plot to frame leaders of the Communist Party in California as the opening gun in an attack upon the labor movement and civil liberties of the people of this state, it is reported, was laid at a secret conference held in a swanky Fresno hotel recently.

Participating in the conference were police, local public officials and spies in the employ of powerful San Francisco financial interests.

Plans discussed, and revealed through authentic sources, included indictment of California Communist leaders on charges of conspiracy to violate the Criminal Syndicalism Act. Groundwork for the frame-up will be a widespread anti-Red campaign of the Hearst type, seeking to show the Communist Party is a secret underground organization of conspirators.

STOOL PIGEONS

Active in preparing the frame-up are Stanley Morton Doyle (alias Pat Morton) labor spy now working in San Francisco; Colonel Henry Sanborn, editor of the fascist "American Citizen" and chief rival of Doyle in stool-pigeonage; and William Young of the Young Investigating Service, an agency of stool-pigeons.

The rivalry between Doyle and Sanborn has led to the information of this plot leaking out.

The Criminal Syndicalism Law, in its most recent application, was used by powerful financial agencies to railroad eight agricultural union leaders to jail on identical charges of "conspiracy to violate" terms of the measure. This frame-up has roused a mighty protest from liberal and progressive organizations and individuals, not only in this state, but throughout the country.

A telegram sent by the editor of the WESTERN WORKER to the Fresno County District Attorney demanding a statement regarding reports of the plot to date has brought no answer.

FASCIST PLOT

The fascist character of the frame-up plot can be seen in the fact that the Communist Party is an open, legal party in this state and throughout the United States. It is on the California ballot and participates in presidential, state, congressional and local elections. Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for state office in the 1934 elections, polled in excess of 200,000 votes.

Necessary part of any employer-vigilante drive against the militant labor movement, for the open shop and company unions, is a violent attack upon the Communist Party.

MUST PROTEST

All labor, progressive and liberal forces throughout the state should be alive to the danger of this plot, and organize the greatest possible mass pressure and protest, addressed to the District Attorney of Fresno County.

The threatened attack comes at a time when a state-wide campaign against the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act is under way. A state conference for the repeal of the measure will be held in Sacramento on Sunday, April 19, initiated jointly by the California Conference for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, and the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights.

Telegram To Fresno District Attorney

District Attorney
Fresno, Calif.

March 25, 1936

Official press release by Communist Party charges secret conference held recently in Fresno discussed plans to arrest and indict leaders of Communist Party in California on charges of conspiracy to violate Criminal Syndicalism Law stop Reports indicate plans backed by financial and industrial interests stop before publishing same we request statement from you affirming or denying knowledge of correctness of these reports stop awaiting your reply to include in press release to press of entire country.

Harry Carlisle
Editor Western Worker

NATION-WIDE DEMAND PRESSED FOR FREEDOM OF C. S. VICTIMS

C. S. Chairman



WILLIAM SANDERS, past president of the Ornamental Iron Workers' Union, now chairman of the California Conference For Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, who will speak at the Open Forum of the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party at 68 Haight street on Sunday evening, March 29th, at 8 p.m.

FASCISTS HALT U.S. SHIP STRIKE

"Back on Ship or Go To Jail Within 12 Hours"

GENOA, Italy, March 24—Fascist Italy today extended its strike-breaking law into the international field in the strike of the American Dollar liner, S.S. President Garfield. The Italian authorities notified the crew that their strike was a crime and that they would be jailed unless they returned to the ship within twelve hours.

Protesting against the captain's action in locking three firemen in the ship's brig, the crew of the President Garfield left the vessel when it docked. The crew charged that the captain had exceeded his authority in keeping the firemen confined. They pointed out that a captain's authority regarding disciplinary action against members of the crew terminate upon arrival in the first port where there is an American Consulate. Faced with the ultimatum of the Fascist authorities the crew returned to the ship.

LAYOFFS ON WPA

Orders to cut the number of work relief jobs to 3,000,000 by July 1, 1936 have been sent to state WPA directors by Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Administrator. About 320,000 workers are expected to lose their jobs.

DEATH PACTS NOW REPLACE PEACE PACTS

ITALY STOCKS LANDSLIDE AND DUCE THUNDERS FOR CONFLICT

League Crawfishing

ONE-WAY VOTE SCHEDULED BY HITLER IN NAZI BLOOD BALLOT

European capitalist nations are marching deliberately to war in step to the martial music of peace conversations.

A summary of events since our last issue discloses:

The Italian stock market has crashed as a direct result of the expensive and unproductive invasion of Ethiopia.

Italian fascism has voiced a challenge to Great Britain's power in the Mediterranean, proclaiming that her superior air forces give her dominance over Britain's sea power.

JAPAN PROVOKING Japanese forces have invaded the Siberian border in a series of provocative raids, more deliberate and vindictive than anything previous.

Germany's rejection of all proposals concerning the Rhineland episode has left the League of Nations, in the language of capitalist papers, "without a ray of light." Negotiations have reached a virtual standstill. Germany continues to pour tanks into the "neutral" area and smugly ask "What are you going to do about it?"

FOR SANCTIONS The Soviet Union and France (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

CHINESE UNIVERSITY BESIEGED BY MILITARY FORCES; STUDENTS RESIST FASCIST ATTACKS

United Front Formed Against Japanese Aggression

SHANGHAI, China, Mar. 27—Troops of dictator Chiang Kai-shek have thrown a military cordon around Fudan university and are holding it in a state of siege. All entrances and exits of the campus are blocked off with barbed wire with machine guns mounted in readiness.

The situation was caused when 100 police officers raided the campus last Wednesday in an effort to arrest Communist students. The entire student body rallied to the defense of their fellow students and 3 officers are reported slain in the resultant battle. Police claim they were shot by students. The faculty asserts the officers were panicked and accidentally fired into their own ranks. The students are unarmed.

SYMPATHY STRIKE

Students in neighboring universities, numbering 6,000, threaten to go on strike unless the siege is lifted.

The military forces declare that they will starve the students out. The raid was part of a nationwide suppression drive in which Chiang Kai-shek is seeking to beat down opposition to his policies with armed force. His disgraceful capitulation to Japanese Imperialists and his constant policy of favoring the interests of British, American and all foreign imperialists against the interests of

Western Worker Affairs in L. A., S. F. This Week

OVER THE TOP!

San Francisco will celebrate completion of the drive for a \$7,500 sustaining fund for 1936 with a Victory Banquet Sunday, 7 p.m., March 29th at 121 Haight street. There will be entertainment, speaking, chicken dinner and a general good time. Price, 50c.

Los Angeles ill celebrate on Saturday, March 28, 8 p.m. at the Mason Opera House, 127 South Broadway, with a Western Worker Concert—which is an annual affair, the fourth since this paper was founded.

Prominent artists, among them Uzia Berman, pianist R. Mendelovich, violinist of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, I. Markoff, cellist, and the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra, will entertain. Admission is 25c.

These gala entertainments will not only give those who attend a chance to enjoy themselves, but proceeds are expected to bring in enough to finally complete the quotas for these two sections.

RESERVE THIS DATE

NOTICE: To all Bay Area Cities, San Francisco, East Bay, Contra Costa, Sonoma, San Mateo, San Jose, Monterey! Reserve May 10th as a day of Recreation and Enjoyment. On May 10th the Annual Picnic will take place at Varsity Park, Picnic Playgrounds, 3 miles West of Stanford on Portola Road. Enjoy beautiful sunshine, dancing in the open air to good music, all kinds of amusements, tasteful food, including barbecued meats. RESERVE THIS DATE! San Francisco Workers Picnic Committee

RYAN ATTACKS GULF; YANKS 2 ILA CHARTERS

ACTION IS REGARDED AS OPENING OF DRIVE ON PROGRESSIVES

Trial Is a Farce

LONGSHOREMEN PENALIZED FOR SUPPORTING SEAMEN

NEW ORLEANS, March 23—Joseph P. Ryan, International President of the International Longshoremen's Association, revoked the charters of Locals 1226 and 231 in what is regarded here as the opening of a campaign against all opponents of his dictatorial policies. Basis for the action was the charge that the locals had violated the "no stoppage of work" clauses in their contract with the ship-owners.

The trial was held in Gulfport, Miss., at which neither T. J. Darcy, president of Local 126 nor J. B. Spencer, president of Local 231, were present. The trial committee first tried to hold sessions in a bed-room in New Orleans at which a noted strike-breaker, Sylvester Pete, was present. When Darcy and Charles Stein, Vice President of Local 1226 objected, the committee agreed to hold the trial in the Central Trades and Labor Council hall. Although the defendants and witnesses were at the Labor Temple at the appointed time, the trial committee left before the trial was to begin. Darcy was notified by telephone soon after they had left that the trial

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Los Angeles WPA's Face 5 Yr. Jail Term If They Organize Projects

Teachers Threatened Private Charity May Be Only Means of Subsistence

LOS ANGELES, March 24 — Terror and intimidation against white-collar workers on the WPA were launched here yesterday at an enforced meeting of all workers on Project 2298, held specifically for the purpose of "warning" the workers against organization in the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

Five thousand dollars fine and three years in jail, was the threatened penalty held up by Art Tryon, district representative of Col. Donald H. Connolly, County WPA Administrator, for any attempt to organize on this project, which is composed of teachers in the Los Angeles City Schools, clerical and statistical workers.

"On no account is there to be any political activity on the project, solicitation of funds, or handing out of circulars or leaflets," said Tryon.

"The penalty provided for this is \$5,000 fine and three years in jail. I earnestly request all of you to report any such activities immediately."

ARMY BOSS

Further clarification of this latest anti-Union move by the army officers in charge of WPA here, as made by Manfred Evans, who is in charge of Project 2298.

"There is an organization which figures on the front page of the newspapers frequently," said Evans. "We are not of those people, have no connection with them, and are not interested in their acts."

These white-collar workers were compelled to attend this meeting and all received the following letter, dated March 18th: "A general meeting of all workers on WPA Project No. 2298 (Los Angeles City Schools, Clerical and Statistical workers) will be held in the Sentous Auditorium, 1205 West Pico Blvd., Monday, March 23, 1:10 p.m.

"All workers except those paid at distant spot payoffs are required to attend. Attendance slips will be signed at the door."

This letter was signed by Evans "SYMPATHETIC"

The workers for the most part coldly received all speakers. Old age pensions were ridiculed in a poem that was read. Assistant Supervisor Travers told of his "sympathy" for young workers just out of school, vocationally prepared but jobless, and of his "sympathy" for the older workers who were fired by their employers because it was "good business for their employers to supplant them with young workers."

Travers also told about opportunity for civil service examinations for a permanent position with the schools, but "forgot" to mention the age limit on this examination, which would eliminate about three-fourths of the workers on this project.

See National Union Of Creative Talent

HOLLYWOOD, March 26 — Hollywood News Bureau — Hollywood writers, rapidly becoming union-minded, see future possibility a national union of all creative talent in America will be formed. Such an organization would include, among others, the Screen Writers Guild, Dramatists Guild, Authors League of America, American Newspaper Guild, Songwriters Protective Association and a new organization for exploited and overworked radio script writers.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 25 — Starvation was an immediate menace to 4000 Los Angeles relief workers and their families here today, summarized cut off the Los Angeles County Relief Administration rolls yesterday, with the excuse that they were "unemployable."

The workers were simultaneously denied relief by County Superintendent of Charities Rex Thomson, "until their eligibility for county relief was established under the requirements set up by the California public welfare act."

"I predict large numbers of them will be forced to turn to private charity because of inability to meet the three-year residence requirement for county charity," said Thomson coldly.

PROTEST

A dozen families marched to the Board of Supervisors' chamber here yesterday, protesting that their children were starving, but the supervisors turned deaf ears to their pleas.

The families were brutally notified by Director Roy W. Pilling of the LACRA, as follows:

"Because of a new ruling in the state department it is now impossible for LACRA to extend relief to unemployable persons. This is because state funds for relief can be used only for employables."

"We are sorry not to have been able to give you more notice of this ruling. However, you are hereby notified that you will receive no further checks from LACRA. If you are in need of further aid, it will be necessary for you to establish eligibility for such aid with the Bureau of County Welfare or other agencies."

Although classed now as "unemployable," all 400 families had been on the LACRA rolls for at least a year.

BACK LUNDEEN BILL

BERKELEY, March 25—Local 8 of the Public Works and Unemployed at its regular meeting here March 17 went on record demanding \$10 per week and \$3 per week for each dependent as asked for in the Frazier-Lundeen Workers Insurance Bill. The demand was made for all those now being laid off WPA projects.

MATSON DOCK FIGHT ON LOADS

MATSON DOCK BULLETIN

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Mar. 26—An entire gang of longshoremen, members of the I.L.A., were fired today for refusing to load 3,100 pound sling loads of cement on the Matson Line ship Manulane. The San Pedro Local of the I.L.A. called a special meeting to discuss the dispute and the men voted to handle only standard sling loads of 2,100 pounds.

The Matson Company offered a "compromise" whereby they would "reduce the loads by three sacks of cement. The union refused. Half an hour later the company agreed to the smaller weight.

The sentiment among the men here is strong for establishment of a standard sling load in all Pacific Coast ports.

After you have read your copy of the Western Worker, pass it on.

EMPLOYERS LAY COAST-WIDE PLANS FOR DRIVE AGAINST LABOR

CONFERENCE CONSIDERS MEANS TO IMPOSE COMPANY UNIONS ON WORKERS IN WEST

SEATTLE, Wash., March 25—Further intensification of the drive against bona fide labor unions and the establishment of widespread company unionism was hinted in the announcement of policy adopted by prominent industrial and agricultural employers who adjourned their second meeting here yesterday.

The employers will seek "closer cooperation between employees and employers to combat the subversive influences that would destroy them."

Attendance at the conference was by special invitation only. The first meeting was held in Del Monte, Calif., early in February.

RED-BAITING

The employers seek a united front of their kind. They plan a campaign of "Education . . . to defeat false propaganda and false theories." Curiously enough, while seeking to cut employees' wages to the bone they publicly announce their desire to maintain "the American standard of living."

Robert B. Henderson, president of the Pacific Portland Cement Company, San Francisco, is general chairman of the employer organization.

Announcement of the "educational campaign against subversive influences" coincides with similar plans laid down at a recent secret meeting of labor spies, police and officials at Fresno, Calif., the details of which are to be found in another column of this issue of the WESTERN WORKER.

SEEK ANTI-LABOR LAWS

LOS ANGELES, March 25 — Loudly beating the drums for fascist mobilization, Leroy D. Owen, national chairman of the so-called Americanization Committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, called for new anti-labor laws here yesterday in addressing 200 members of the manufacturing and industrial committee of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Claiming that one out of every six persons on relief rolls in Los Angeles are aliens, Owen declared it "deplorable that Federal relief agencies make no distinction between aliens and citizens in affording direct or work relief."

Owen further stated: "We need stringent naturalization laws to deal with aliens within our midst—aliens who form the backbone of the Communist Party."

J. A. Pettis, who assertedly wrote the California Criminal Syndicalism Law, alarmed himself and his audience by declaring that a "formidable attempt to repeal the law will be made at the next session of the Legislature."

DEFENDS TRANSIENT BAN

LOS ANGELES, March 24 — Determined to be No. 1 Fascist in California, Police Chief "Hiller" Davis called for "economic sanctions on Communists and their allies by all members of business and industry," in one of his speeches to the "Electric Club" here yesterday in the luxurious Biltmore Hotel.

"I have a list of 150 names of prominent Southern California intellectuals who are fighting for the repeal of the California Syndicalism Law under which many Communist agitators are being penalized," ranted Davis.

"These names should be boycotted by business and industry as allies of Communists."

Can You Register For Sponsorship of Party Candidates?

THOSE IN POSITION TO SO DECLARE SYMPATHY SHOULD DO SO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27—While the Communist Party is working toward the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party on a local, state-wide and national scale, or toward a united labor ticket in the various congressional and assembly districts, the Party will put forward a Communist slate in the coming state and congressional elections.

In order to vote in the August elections, one must be registered before July 16. Registration for the presidential primaries in May closed Thursday, March 26. All who are not yet registered should do so now—before July 16. Those who have registered "Decline to State" or for any other party, may change this by re-registering "Communist" after the May 5 primaries.

RYAN YANKS 2 ILA CHARTERS

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had been postponed.

RAILROADED

On March 14 the defendants were to appear in Gulfport to stand trial March 16. Although the accused officials protested the trial being held outside the state and stated that they would not have sufficient time to prepare their case, the "trial" proceeded in their absence.

The first of the two charges of "no stoppage of work" was in the case of the crew's strike on the Point Reyes. Officials of the locals stated that the longshoremen were ordered to handle the lines on the Point Reyes. This is seamen's work and had they obeyed this order they would have been scabbing on the seamen. The other charge grew out of an incident that occurred when a Luckenbach vessel was docked next to a ship where an encounter took place between a seab and a union man.

Longshoremen ran off the Luckenbach ship to see what had happened and resumed work half an hour later. It is significant that all the evidence at the trial was furnished by the ship-owners.

It was brought out that the trial committee was a sub-committee of the I.L.A. executive committee. A telegram from Ryan pointed out the procedure to be followed at the trial and also suggested that those I.L.A. locals that had joined the Maritime Federation of the Gulf Coast should be brought into the case.

Local 1226 voted unanimously this morning to empower their officials to take whatever legal steps they think necessary to fight the decisions of the trial committee.

NEW YORK, March 26—Eight ships lying at piers 48, 53 and 60 were blockaded by mass pickets led by Joseph Curran, rank and file leader elected by the Joint Ship Strike Committee. Eight ships are involved, including the famous "mutiny" California. Curran was on the latter ship at the time of the San Pedro strike, which is history making in its arousing of the Eastern rank and files.

The Brown, Carlson and Grange leadership has declared the strike illegal. 1400 seamen have registered for picket duty.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS' NEW TRIAL UP SOON

WILMINGTON, Calif., Mar. 23.—Granted a re-trial on framed charges of "disturbing the peace," five women members of the Fish Cannery Workers Union, A. F. of L., will appear shortly in municipal court to have date for a re-hearing set, it was stated today by the Harbor Branch of the International Labor Defense, in issuing a call for renewed protests to demand that the case be dismissed.

Protests should be sent to Benj. F. Schoonman, presiding judge of the municipal court, Los Angeles. The five workers are Mrs. Jesus Cervantes, Mrs. Jesus Diaz, Concha Cantu, Juanita Caracoeza, and Ruby Mendoza.

The five workers are out on \$250 bail each, as they have been since their conviction.

Thirty to sixty sponsors registered "Communist" are required for each Party candidate in assembly and congressional districts. The first day to secure signatures of sponsors for candidates is May 27; last day to file them is June 20. We must have sufficient registration by that time to get our candidates sponsored in all districts. Official Communist registration in California for 1934 was 1,822 (San Francisco, 336; Los Angeles, 736; Alameda County, 199; Sacramento, 87; San Diego, 66; other counties, less than 60).

1,000 READY TO STRIKE APRIL 1

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 25—Unless demands for higher wages are met by the Southern California Growers Federation, 1000 agricultural workers of the Mexican Confederation of Unions will walk out on strike April 1st, was the ultimatum delivered to the growers here yesterday.

The union demands are 35 cents an hour for a 9-hour day, time an da half for overtime including Sunday and holidays, union recognition, and equal wages to women workers.

DEATH PACTS

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demand economic sanctions to enforce existing peace guarantees. England is unwilling to co-operate unless Italy agrees. Italy refuses and declares Britain's fleet in the Mediterranean a threat of war.

The London Naval Parley, resulting in complete failure, the U.S.A. and Great Britain put their signatures to a document involving a great deal of language but no hampering restrictions. It simply implies that the two nations will maintain navies of equal strength and was signed in order that some kind of document should come out of the parley as a gesture to public opinion. The real outcome of the parley was to junk all previous agreements and leave the field clear for a totally unregulated naval construction race.

NAZI ELECTION

The whole of Germany is one great ulcer of Nazi propaganda as the Elections of March 29th approach. The fascist propaganda bureau is belching forth threats against the Bolsheviks on a scale never seen before. A "Bolshevik" in Germany is anyone who fails to vote for Hitler. The ballots are to provide no place for an opposition vote. There will be the unopposed Nazi slate and a circle in which to "X" approval. Anyone casting a blank ballot is automatically branded an enemy of "the state" and subject to the whole range of persecutions which the Nazi press is industriously suggesting. Anyone who refrains from going to the polls, likewise brands himself a "Bolshevik."

Units, sub-sections and sections of the Communist Party in District 13 should immediately call in all collection lists and other material of the Western Worker Financial Drive and remit all funds to the Western Worker Drive Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.

Alameda Council

STRIKE GAINS REPORTED; NO VOTE YET ON LUNDEEN BILL

OAKLAND, Calif., March 24.—Last night a resolution was presented by the teachers Union endorsing the Frazier-Lundeen Bill. A number of delegates said that they had not had enough time to study the bill to pass upon it at that time. A motion was carried that one month from now the council will vote upon whether or not to endorse the bill. It was then ordered that the entire bill be published in the East Bay Labor Journal so that organized labor in general on the east side of the Bay will be able to study the bill in full.

It was reported that the window trimmers of the local stores are organizing a union.

Fur Workers

Mr. Stein of the San Francisco local of the Fur Workers' Union stated that there are not enough fur workers in the East Bay to organize a local and asked the sanction of the council to organize these workers into the San Francisco local. The request was granted. He promised they will be organized 100% shortly.

The council voted a donation of \$25 to the Red Cross for relief work in the disastrous eastern floods.

Tom Mooney

The Tom Mooney committee recommended a great mass meeting for May 15th. This was concurred in.

Last week it was reported that the Tribune was willing to run a "Labor column" and after placing several safeguards around the proposition the council accepted

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL PROMISES UNLIMITED PROFITS IS CHARGE

WASHINGTON, March 25 — The answer to President Roosevelt's request for a Merchant Marine "second to none" entered the Senate to-day in the form of a compromise ship subsidy bill. Immediately a strong bi-partisan bloc, headed by Senator Clark of Missouri, organized to "filibuster it to death."

Clark stated that the new bill contained "jokers" which would permit the President to grant unlimited profits and that it fails to provide adequate protection for American Seamen. "As the bill was reported to the Senate by the Commerce Committee," said Clark, "we might just as well come out for outright government operation of the Merchant Marine."

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the bill are: 1. Create a Maritime Authority of five members to administer subsidies and regulations. Provides for a differential in construction and operating costs between the United States and foreign countries.

2. Construction subsidies may go as high as 40 percent of the difference between the cost in an American and a foreign yard; but a 5 percent figure may be had providing that permission is granted by the President.

3. Entire crews of subsidized freight ships must be Americanized and 90 percent on passenger ships.

4. Limits subsidized profits to 10 percent. Ship-builder must pay cash for 25 percent of estimated cost of construction. Six percent subsidy differential is allowed for ships built on the West Coast.

MOCOW HEALTH IMPROVES

MOSCOW, March 24—Cited as evidence of improved conditions of health in Moscow, the department of vital statistics reveals figures showing that in 1935 the death rate was decreased by 16.5 percent compared with 1934, while the birth rate increased 18 percent.

Arizona Workers Seek Support In Fight On Packer

EMPLOYERS IN REFUSAL TO SIGN UP WITH A.F. OF L. UNION

YUMA, Arizona. — Members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' union of Arizona have asked the State Federation of Labor to send out communications to central labor councils and state federations over the United States asking them to back the union in its battle against McDaniel and Sons of the Yuma district.

McDaniel refused to sign the union's working agreement after ten major operators of the valley had already approved it. It is stated that the shipper did not approve of the clause that required the employment of 90 percent of his men through the union office.

E. F. Vickers, president of the Federation, has instructed the organization's secretary to proceed with the request of the Yuma organization since one of the federation officers, J. W. Kindred, has made an investigation of the matter and reported favorably on the request of the union.

Officials of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers union are reporting rapid growth of the organization. Successful work is also reported in the unionization tasks of farm workers in the rich Salt River Valley.

OAKLAND LABOR ENDORSING THE C. S. CONFERENCE

OAKLAND, Calif., Mar. 21.—East Bay unions and progressive groups are responding rapidly to the call sent out asking them to endorse and elect delegates to the State Conference For Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act. The following have already returned endorsement and others are coming in daily:

Association of Certified Welders.
Machinists' Union, Local 284
Carpenters and Joiners of America.
Mine Mill and Smelter Workers, Local 51.
American Federation of Teachers.

Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America.
Inter-professional Association.
Bill Distributors' Union.
International Longshoremen's Association.

Public Works and Unemployment Union, Locals 5, 6, and 9.
Philosophers' Club.

The International Labor defense.

The Communist Party.
Many groups not yet affiliated with the East Bay Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, have official observers participating.

LOS ANGELES BORDER PATROL BARS REAL GUYS BUT ADMITS HEELS WILLING TO BE SCABS

LOS ANGELES, March 24—Men willing to work for scab wages at the General Motors plant in Southgate are given the right of way at the California border by officers of Chief Davis' "foreign legion" according to delegate Newton of the Carpenters' Union, who made his charges before the Central Labor Council at last Friday's meeting.

Free transportation from the border to Los Angeles is being furnished to those willing to accept jobs at starvation wages, said another delegate.

"All salesrooms of General Motors are being picketed. Workers on the picket line at one salesroom were bombarded with tomatoes. Another was drenched with water. Mass picketing continues at the plant in Southgate," reported a delegate from the strike committee.

Waitresses Strike

Four waitresses walked off the job at RKO studio restaurant because hours were lengthened and wages cut, Delegate Stoneman of the Culinary Workers reported.

Resolutions requesting the Council to protest dismissal of the 39 workers from WPA continues to pour in upon the Council. The latest request comes from the Optical Technicians. It was filed, on motion of J. W. Buzzell, secretary.

Fair Play and Sports Committee of the A. F. of L., in a communication called attention of the Council to a resolution passed by the last national convention for boycotting German products and standing against United States participating in Olympic games.

The committee urged the Council to immediately set up committees to effectively carry out the boycott.

Questioned as to what action the executive board had taken on a previous communication received from the Sports committee, Secretary Buzzell replied that it had been filed.

Dalton of the Typographical Union reported that the PWA was requesting more publicity. "The PWA with its starvation wage has been getting all the publicity," he said, "and if Los Angeles expects more PWA grants, more publicity must be given PWA."

In a speech before the "Electric Club" at the Biltmore Hotel here today Chief of Police Davis presented "statistics" in an attempted defense of his "Foreign Legion" drive on transient workers, by claiming that the blockade of transient workers "is saving California between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 a year."

"If the vagrants were allowed to come to California it would cost that much to keep them in jail," he said.

SOVIET COTTON

MOSCOW, Mar. 20.—By crossing Egyptian with Persian cotton the All-Union Cotton Institute at Tashkent, in Turkestan, has produced bolls double the weight and size of the choice but small Egyptian variety. Soviet cotton growing territory lies in about the same latitude as San Francisco.

COPS TERRORIZE PICKETS AT L.A.

Building Trades Men Strike General Motor Plant

SOUTH GATE, March 24 — Police yesterday launched their first terroristic activities against workers of the Building Trades Council, who are picketing the General Motors plant construction job here, when Thomas Barr was arrested and charged with "hanging thrown tacks and nails in Tweedy road, over which workmen engaged in construction of the new General Motors plant, drive to their work."

Barr was released on \$1 bail. Picket lines have been daily established at the plant since a week ago yesterday, by vote of the Building Trades and Carpenters' District Councils. It was reported that a number of workers have already walked off the job and joined the union pickets, and that as a result of this, the George H. Utley Construction Company, of Detroit, had raised wages of the remaining strikebreakers.

The plant has been placed on the unfair list by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council, and Carpenters District Council. Approximately 600 strikebreakers are at work on the construction job.

Short Weights In Young's Pea Fields

By a Worker Correspondent
CALIPATRIA, Calif.—We were working in the peas here for Bill Young. Our weights were too light so we weighed an empty box that we dump in and it weighed one pound. The scale man said it should weigh five pounds. Then we took our hand scale and weighed our full hampers and they weighed 36 pounds net.

When we weighed them on his scale they weighed 31 pounds. When we tried to check his scale the boss, Don Young, canned us for it.

Don Young has made his brags that he was going to make a new car off the pea pickers this year. He makes 25c to 40c per day per man and he uses over 200 hands, so he soon will have his sweat and blood car.

De end the Soviet Union against the attack of Hitler and Mussolini, Japan and Poland.

LABOR AND LIBERALS SUPPORT STATE C. S. REPEAL CONFERENCE

International Labor Defense Conducting Nation-wide Campaign To Free Victims

(Continued from Page 1)
Suitcase, Bag and Portfolio Makers' Union of Philadelphia and New York.

Motion Picture Operators' Union, Local No. 186, Springfield, Mass.

American Federation of Musicians, Local No. 802, New York.

Progressive Miners of America, Local No. 62, Livingston, Ill.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27—

The California Conference For Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act reminds all labor bodies and progressive groups that only about a month remains before the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles will be considering the cases of the eight C.S. prisoners. Resolutions from groups and letters from individuals urging that a minimum sentence be fixed should be addressed immediately to: The California Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco, and to the

individual members of the board: Mark E. Noon, secretary, San Quentin, Calif., Frank E. Sykes, chairman, Kohl Bldg., San Francisco, Joseph H. Stephens, Merchants National Bank, Sacramento, and David Bush, Oakland, Calif.

All progressive groups and unions are urged also to elect delegates to the State Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act, which will convene in Sacramento on April 19th.

For a full account of the infamous C.S. railroad, read "THE C.S. CASE AGAINST LABOR," by Michael Quin, published by the International Labor Defense, obtainable from any I.L.D. office, from the California Conference, 68 Haight street, San Francisco, or from the Southern California Councils For Constitutional Rights, 129 W 2nd street, Room 326, Los Angeles, Calif., or from your nearest Workers' Book Shop. The price is five cents per copy with special rates for bundle orders.

We Must Double the Western Worker Circulation Before End of 1936!

2,000 NEW READERS BY JUNE IS IMMEDIATE GOAL OF DRIVE!

The Western worker becomes an eight-page paper on May 1st. With the increase in size will also be an improvement in the appearance and in the reading content.

This paper of yours is going to become a mass newspaper in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Its circulation is now showing an increase—but not enough. The circulation drive begins on April 1st and continues to the end of the year. And the slogan is DOUBLE THE CIRCULATION BEFORE 1937! TWO THOUSAND NEW READERS BY JUNE 1ST!

That means every literature agent who is now responsible for a bundle must get his section or unit on the job to double the number of papers it now handles. Subscriptions must be a major objective at all times. Those sections and units who lack Western Worker agents, or whose agents are not functioning properly must see that the situation is rectified.

Surprising Figures

Let us examine our subscription records for the year 1935. DURING THE YEAR 2846 SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE OBTAINED—AND ONLY 700 OF THESE WERE

RENEWALS. WE GAINED 2146 NEW READERS, BUT LOST MANY OLD SUBSCRIBERS WHO WERE NOT CONTACTED PROPERLY FOR RENEWALS!

The previous years give us similar records, which means that over 10,000 workers in our District have been subscribers to the Western Worker in addition to those we now have.

As far as the bundle sales are concerned, an estimate based on the regular distribution may be arrived at. We are safe in assuming that our readers change at the rate of 1,000 every month. We arrive at the figure of nearly 50,000 readers during the last four years. To be on the safe side, let us cut this figure in half and we still have 25,000.

Add this to the figure discovered among our past subscribers and we find that approximately 37,000 people have been readers of our paper. (At the same time it is not exaggerating to suggest that this figure could be doubled and trebled when we remember how many readers of this paper pass on their copies to friends and re-

latives.) Yet our total circulation is stagnant.

Reason for It

The reason for all this is the absence of a functioning distribution and sales apparatus in our District. There is no doubt that a vast majority of these readers could have been retained if we had comrades attending to it.

One comrade has thoroughly demonstrated in San Francisco, that it is easy to get renewal subscriptions. For five or six months he has been visiting old subscribers and has sold renewals to them almost 100 percent.

If you know anything at all about the membership of the Communist Party in District 13, California, Arizona and Nevada, you can see by comparing the circulation figures that not all Party members are reading this paper. We must immediately raise the slogan, "Every Communist a Reader of the Western Worker."

We must all help with the circulation—and how can you sell a paper when you don't take time to read it? And it has been thoroughly dem-

onstrated that the Western Worker has a wide appeal for the people we want to reach with it.

The District sent out directives months ago that each section and sub-section must appoint a Western Worker agent by April 1st. He should be a comrade who will make it his major Party assignment to see that the paper is distributed, the bill paid, subscribers followed up, and new ones gotten, and that news and articles of all sorts come from his section regularly.

That's what the eight pages are for.

Job To Do

Assuming your section has done its work in getting such an agent, here is the job you and he have to work on immediately.

Beginning April 1st, there is to be an INTENSIVE circulation drive to the first day of June to get an IMMEDIATE increase of 2,000 in the circulation.

These are the quota figures for that increase:

Quota, New Readers	Subscriptions	Bundle orders
500	500	500
1,500	1,500	1,500
2,000	2,000	2,000

The Truth About the Riots in Spain

A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF EVENTS IN SPAIN SINCE THE ELECTION VICTORY

Reactionaries Creating Riots in Effort To Disrupt People's Government; United Front Forces Firm

INTRODUCTION

The following first-hand report of the tremendous events going on in Spain that we have received to date. It is far the most important article we have yet printed on the Spanish election victory.

By PIERRE VAN PAASSEN
Federated Press.

MADRID.—(FP)—The desperate efforts of Spanish fascism and reactionary absentee landlordism to stave off a little longer the inevitable doom explain the persistent stories of riots and disorder that come to American readers.

Again and again in recent weeks, fascist groups have attacked workers' halls or attempted to assassinate labor leaders. But the Spanish workers, their endurance surpassed by indignities to which they have been submitted these past two years, do not suffer in silence since the election victory. They strike back, and reactionary elements do their best to represent workers' self-defense as uncurbed rowdiness. More recently the People's Front has gained the outlawing of young Primo de Rivera's Fascist Falange, the latest white hope of Spanish reaction and the group responsible for many of the provocations.

LAND TO THE PEOPLE

The demand of Spain's landless farmers for division of the great semi-feudal estates grows more insistent. More than 30,000 political prisoners are out of prison. Eleven thousand liberals, Socialists and left republicans who were ousted from their positions in 1934 have been reinstated as magistrates, judges, and district governors.

The united front has forced the government to begin a clean-up campaign in the army, especially in the officer corps. Thousands of officers with fascist sympathies and other anti-democratic elements are to be placed on the retired list. They will not go to prison or be shot as the workers of the Asturias were in 1934 when they rose to prevent the establishment of the semi-fascist dictatorship of Gil Robles and the landed proprietors. The working class in the hour of victory is always more generous, more humane than the reaction. Perhaps too generous!

SUPPRESSED TRUTH

At last the truth about the 1934 revolt is coming out. At that time Gil Robles and the renegade Lerroux did not hesitate to turn the Spanish Foreign Legion loose upon the miners and the peasants. This military outfit, chiefly composed of criminal elements from all over Europe and officered by white Russian emigres, was brought over from Africa, because the government dared not employ native Spanish troops against the starving population.

The Foreign Legion behaved as if it was on a conquered territory. In one village the entire population of women and children was driven into the church and the building set on fire, while the men were holding the pits against the attacks of government troops. The outside world was informed by the Madrid censorship that the miners were plundering and firing churches. Photographs now published in the free Spanish press show foreign legionnaires carrying the severed heads of Asturian miners attached to their belts and the corpses of children lying in the streets. Aristocrats, landed proprietors and fascist shock troops are fleeing in their thousands across the border into France.

WORKERS STEADY

They fear the revenge of the people. But the people remain calm—I asked Largo Caballero, Socialist and trade union leader, to what he attributed the phenomenal success of the People's Front at the recent elections in a country which is predominantly agricultural.

Caballero replied: When Portela Valladares, leader of the late reactionary government, refused to confiscate and subdivide among the peasants the big aristocratic estates and the vast lands belonging to the church, and when he said: 'The peasants have to be satisfied with eating grass,' these millions of hungry, destitute and

illiterate human beings flocked over to our side and formed that union with the urban proletariat which is invincible. When the people stand together for their rights, for an elementary human decency, there is no force on earth strong enough to resist them. When the farmers begin to realize that their interests and those of the city workers are the same and they cease pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for the agricultural trusts, the goose of fascism is cooked."

GREAT GOVERNMENT

Then the united front was set up. Although outlawed, deprived of its press, its labor halls closed all over the country, its leaders imprisoned and not permitted to reorganize, without money and without one of the other resources of propaganda, the united front imposed its will and swept reaction out of power. In a country where 67 per cent of the soil is in the hands of 2 per cent of the population, the agricultural worker—the most desperately destitute creature in Europe perhaps—turned his plow against the feudal landlords and was victorious.

The reaction, the champions of law and order, rather than submit to the vote of the overwhelming majority, planned to suspend the operation of democratic institutions by plunging the country into civil war. That was the trick Hitler employed in Germany and Mussolini in Italy. In these two countries the trick worked because liberals and democrats stood by idly while working class organizations were smashed to pieces. In Spain, the liberals had learned their lesson—as the liberals of France. They have realized that the liberals are next to be muzzled after fascism is victorious over working class organizations. That is why liberals of Spain and France—even right-wing liberals—stand solidly together with the workers in the People's Front.

CROCKETT MAN REINSTATED BY C. AND H. FIRM

MASS PRESSURE FORCES COMPANY TO ACT

CROCKETT, Calif., March 21. Allen Angles, recently discharged from the C. and H. Sugar Refinery here has been reinstated by the employers due to mass pressure built around the case locally.

Angles was fired for union activities. A protest meeting was called and was attended by more than 1000 persons. Harry Bridges and other union leaders spoke. A resolution demanding his reinstatement was passed unanimously.

The company, which at first had refused to do anything about the case, was forced to reconsider. Angles is to get full pay for the time he was off. Meanwhile the company is looking for other means of getting rid of him.

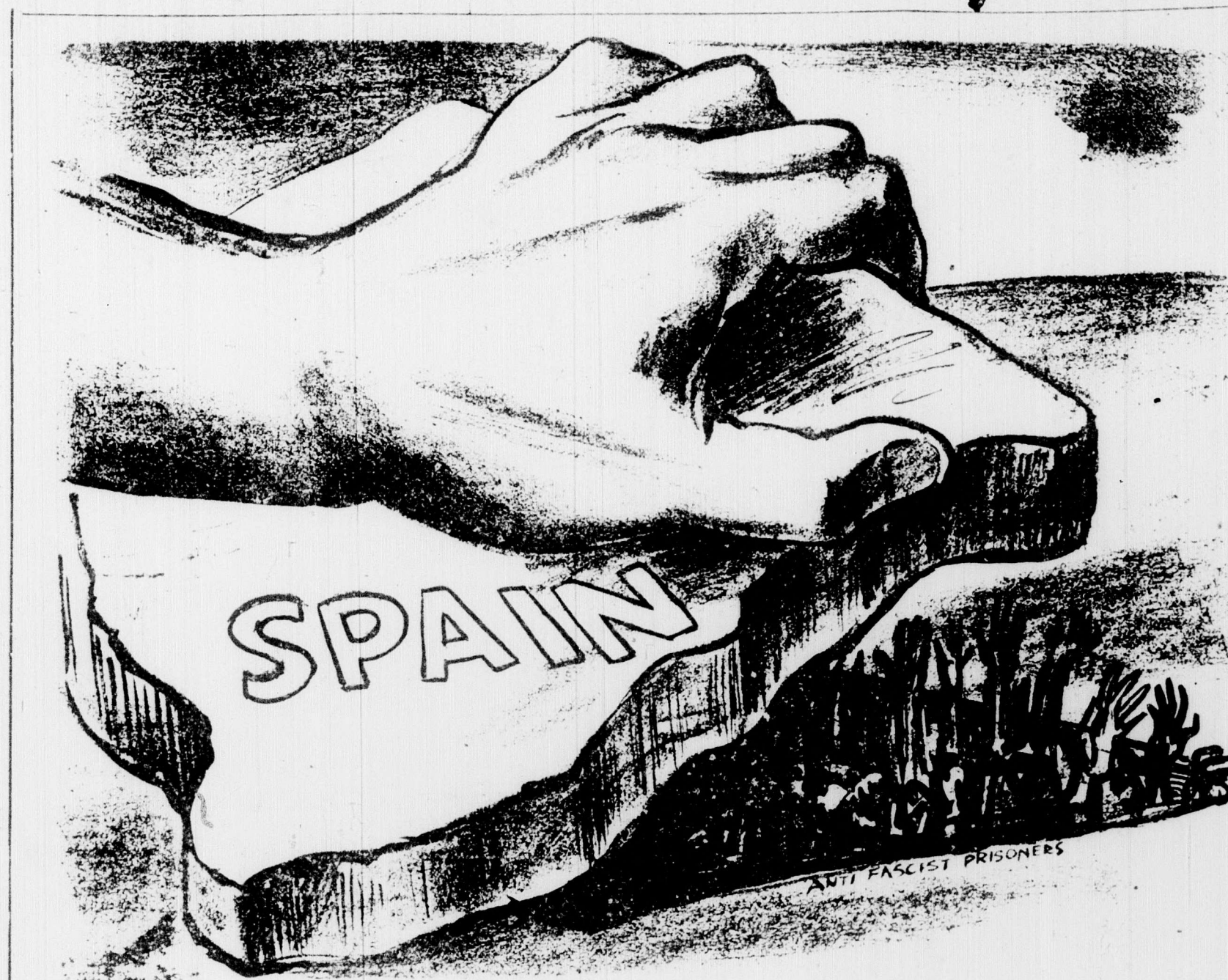
Henry Sanborn's red-baiting paper, the American Citizen, first made its appearance in Crockett. Vigilantes constantly attempt to intimidate the townspeople, but distribution of the Western Worker has taken a lot of the wind out of Sanborn's sails.

WPA STRIKE

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 22.—As 2500 union workers on WPA projects were called out on strike by the local Building Trades Council, the walkout threatened to spread throughout Missouri, where there is much dissatisfaction over low "security" wages of \$55.00 per month.

KURE ISLAND

On February 20, 1936 the U. S. Navy took over control of Kure Island in the Pacific, formerly under civil control of the Hawaiian Territory. This spot is strategically situated for a cable station.



Mooney and the Red Squad

VIGILANTE RAIDS WITHIN THE PENITENTIARY

INTRODUCTION

This is the seventh of a series of articles written exclusively for the WESTERN WORKER by a man just released from San Quentin penitentiary. Each article is complete in itself. The events covered all took place very recently within the prison walls. Many readers have heard snatches of these occurrences before or have read faint suggestions of them in the daily press. This is the first inside story of them that has ever been published.

The San Quentin guards occupy a ticklish position with respect to Tom Mooney. Whenever they meet people who have read about the Mooney case, they are asked: "Are you one of the guards that is keeping an innocent man like Tom Mooney a prisoner?" Of course the guard replies that he is only "bired" to "keep order" or evades the question in some way. It makes the guard uncomfortable (poor thing!) to be put on a spot that way.

The Red Squad had finished raiding McNamara's cell. They decided to pay Mooney's cell a visit. There are guards in the prison who really think Mooney got a raw deal and—should be freed. One of them happened along when the Red Squad started along the floor to Mooney's cell.

EVERYTHING TAKEN

Where they had been ruthless in destroying everything in the cell of McNamara, they went at their work in Mooney's cell a trifle more carefully. Those of us who have studied the Mooney case and know of its far-reaching consequences can hardly conceive of the mass of data which Mooney keeps in his cell. The Red Squad took it all, everything! There were clippings and evidence on the Mooney case which were priceless, papers and data which proved Mooney's contention of a frame-up conclusively. The Red Squad mixed the whole business together, obtained four cardboard boxes, dumped the whole works in and carted it away.

Then the Red Squad got cold feet. Instead of "losing" Mooney's things as they had done with books, papers, etc. taken from McNamara's cell, they took the entire collection to a guard post nearby and left it. They feared to take it back to the cell and they did not care to mix it up with the results of the other

Jim McNamara



His cell was looted.

raids on the Reds. Besides, their superiors might "dunn" them if they said they had NOT given an order to raid Mooney's cell.

The Red Squad pondered over these possibilities as Mooney's property lay out in the weather, exposed to the howlings of every guard at the post, not to mention the numerous stool-pigeons who pawed over the papers at their leisure. What the Red Squad DID NOT KNOW was that Mooney was informed of the raid an hour after it happened, although he was in San Francisco at the time attending the hearing on his writ of habeas corpus.

MOONEY REPLIES

If any one thinks that Mooney will hold still for any "pushing about" they are mistaken. He ordered the hearing held up for a few days, got the Sheriff to take him back to San Quentin and he bounced into that prison like a mountain lion just "rarin' to go." The capitalist, warden of prison, or prison guard that Mooney fears has not been made yet. When he has anything to say about the prison or his case he pounds it out in unmistakable terms. For Mooney has got "guts" to burn. He stormed about that prison wanting to know why the hell his cell was raided when all his mail is censored by the warden personally.

For a few days he raised so much hell that the Guards wished he had stayed in San Francisco, or else they had not raided his cell. His howlings did little good. Very little of his data and papers were returned to him. He might give some to the incoming Sacramento Defendants.

Mooney returned to San Francisco and the hearing. After a few days he asked the Sheriff if he could return to prison again and have his cell cleaned and painted while he was away from prison. The Sheriff told Tom it would waste time for him to go back over there for such a small job. "Why not let me call up the Warden and tell him what you want done?"

Tom thought this a good idea. The Sheriff took him from his cell and, bringing him into his office, put through the call for the prison—and the Warden.

THE CONVERSATION

Sheriff—Warden, Tom Mooney wants to know if you'll have his cell cleaned and painted while he is over here?

Warden—What's that? I don't understand.

Sheriff—Wait a minute. (To Tom) Take this and explain it to him.

(Mooney picked up the receiver and spoke into the phone.)

Mooney—This is Tom Mooney, Warden, I'd like to have my cell cleaned and painted if you—

Warden—What? How? Who? Say—who is this talking?

Mooney—It's me, Tom Mooney, Warden, I just wanted to—

Warden—Say, is this Mooney? Talking on a telephone?

Mooney—Yes, it's me Warden. The Sheriff is right beside me and I—

Warden—Never mind that. Who gave you permission to use a phone? That's what I want to know.

Mooney—But Warden I only want my cell cleaned and painted and—

Warden—The hell with that I want to know who allowed you to use a phone without my permission. You are still my prisoner.

Sheriff—(To Tom) Oh, yeah. Well you're MY PRISONER NOW. Go ahead and talk all you want, Tom.

Mooney—(Into phone) If you'll have one of the cell-tenders take my bunk and things out of my cell and have it painted I'll appreciate it very much.

Warden—I-I-I'll see you—when you get back over here.

UNHEARD OF

Terrible! Remarkable! Astonishing! It's a wonder the walls of the prison didn't crumble and fall down. Mooney using a phone. Incredible! Had someone told the Warden that Mount Tamalpais had been out for a walk he would have preferred that statement than to believe that Mooney had violated one of his pet rulings.

Another accident came up which put the Warden on a spot and which got him in wrong with all the newspapers of the Bay District. A London, England, newspaper had a call put through

POSITION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO ON THE PEOPLE'S UNITED FRONT AND CARDENAS; AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE C. P.

By MURRAY

MEXICO CITY, March 25.—Sixteenth of September is one of the busiest streets in Mexico City, in the heart of the hotel and shopping district. If you stand in the entrance of the Olympic Theater and look up to the third story balcony of Number 18 on the opposite side of the street, you will see a huge white banner, with letters in red, reading: "PARTIDO COMUNISTA DE MEXICO."

This is the headquarters of the Communist Party of Mexico. Raided on the night of February 5 by the fascist "Gold Shirts," it shows little sign of damage now. The offices of the Communist Party of Mexico are as plainly equipped as any workers' headquarters in the United States—a few benches, tables, and on the walls, paintings of Marx and Lenin.

At one of the tables, talking with a group of workers, sits a gray-haired man with a high forehead and a pair of keen, dark eyes. A friendly smile of recognition, then he is deep again in concentration upon the discussion. This is Herman Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico. This is the man I've come to interview regarding the great United Front Confederation of Mexican Workers.

STRIKE LEADER

Laborde, formerly a member of the Railway Clerks Union (part of the Syndicate of Transportation Workers) worked with the railway unions until 1928. He joined the Communist Party in 1925. In 1926 he organized the railroad workers employed by the Southern Pacific Company in the state of Sinaloa. Leader of the great railway strike of 1927, during the reactionary regime of President Plutarco Calles, he was thrown into the military prison at Santiago. He finally was released, as a climax to an eight-day hunger strike.

Comrade Laborde was a leader of the Workers and Peasants Bloc in the presidential election campaign of 1928 and was elected to the House of Representatives. The reac-

tion to the prison, requesting permission to speak with Alex McKay, a condemned man who was with Kristy and Straight when they attempted to escape. The Warden was in a tight place. The London paper was not asking about someone as important as Tom Mooney. He allowed McKay to use the phone. That settled him. The newspapers of the Bay District had tried for years to get interviews with convicts, condemned or otherwise. The Warden would not allow such interviews. The newspapers came down on the Warden with a terrible barrage of criticism between that and the whack over the head which Straight gave him it was too much. He claimed he had been "sitting on a powder keg" for eight years and it was time he retired. After a long wrangle with the Prison Board he finally, he tendered his resignation.

NATIONAL UNITY MEET

Thanks to this activity, there were begun in 1935 discussions toward the united front on the initiative of the Alliance of Graphic Arts, to a large extent influenced by the Communists. These were broken up by the splitting maneuvers of several leaders of important labor central. Later, on the initiative of the Communist leaders in the Red Trade Unions, the Union of Electrical Workers called a meeting of all labor groups to discuss the position they must take in the face of the declarations of General Calles against the strike movement. At this meeting the Committee for Proletarian Defense was founded with the purpose of uniting all labor to repel reactionary attacks upon the proletariat—and the calling of a National Congress of Unification.

INTERNATIONAL OUTFIT

His passing will not be regretted. He had made several mistakes in his life, but as he was a member of the International Police Force, they overlooked many of his errors. Wasn't he the "big-brave" Marshall who had killed the crazed Hindu in a crowded courtroom? Very well then, as long as he gives orders to watch the Reds he will be honored.

The International Police Force is a body of high police officials whose duty it is to watch and suppress all Red activities. They are scattered all over the world, in the pay of donations from the leading capitalists of the world and their business is to stop the spread of Communism. Many of the members of this body are of course, former officers in the Russian Army of the Tsar. Some of them were officers in the White Army of intervention that tried to whip the Bolsheviks. But the Bolsheviks whipped them on every front of the Soviet Union and they still think they will someday regain Russia. Some people have phoney ideas. (Next Article—"ENTREE OF THE C. S. PRISONERS.")



tionaries gained his expulsion, partly because of a speech before the legislature in which he exposed the true significance of President Hoover's "Good Will Tour" of the Latin-American Republics.

In 1932 he was a delegate to the Twelfth Plenum meeting of the Communist International and in 1934 he again went to Moscow for the Latin-American Conference. He was a delegate to the Seventh Congress of the C. I. in 1935 and since 1929 has been a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Mexico. In 1930 he was chosen General Secretary of the Party.

INTERVIEW

Murray: What are your impressions of the great Mexican Labor Congress of Unification?

Laborde: The Trade Union Unity Congress is the most important event in the history of the Mexican proletariat because of the important period in which it was called, because of the number of workers (500,000) which the Confederation succeeded in uniting, and because this new United Front is founded upon a platform of struggle, in the midst of important actions of the working class, and with a relatively high level of class consciousness.

Murray: What was the Communist Party's role in calling the Congress?

Laborde: The C. P. of Mexico was the initiator of the fight for unity, having made many attempts to achieve this since the foundation, in 1929, of the Confederation Sindical Unitaria (Confederation of Red Trade Unions). In March, 1933, the Party sent out a call for a united front of all working class groups and participated actively in the United Front Conference realized in April of that year. At this conference, sabotaged by almost all labor groups of that period, was set up a Committee for Workers and Peasants Unity, very narrow and weak, but which nevertheless served for a time as the leading force in the fight for trade unity, and which succeeded in creating several local and regional united front movements.

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Murray: What is your opinion of the new Confederation as a force for labor unity, against imperialism and as a revolutionary force?

Laborde: The new Confederation already has united the great majority of the organized workers of Mexico. The only labor groups who have not joined it are the CROM (Confederation of Revolutionary Workers of Mexico, organized and dominated by Calles for political purposes) and the CGT (General Confederation of Workers, also a reactionary-controlled organization) and other groups of lesser importance with a total membership of no more than 50,000. These groups can be drawn in and complete unity achieved, providing correct united front tactics are applied.

The United Labor Congress voted unanimously that the Confederation of Mexican

Workers participate in the people's movement against imperialism. The new Confederation was represented at the Congress of the People's Anti-Imperialist Front, which with its 500,000 members raised to more than a million the number of persons represented in the People's Front Congress.

FUNCTIONS

Murray: How will such a Confederation function in situations like the Monterrey strikes?

Laborde: The Confederation must fight for united action of all workers, including those of the White Unions (company union). At the same time the Confederation must try to bring about an alliance between the proletariat and the small bourgeoisie to prevent the reactionary owner-clique from organizing, moving and pitting these above mentioned groups against the proletariat.

Murray: What effect will the new Confederation have upon the Mexican workers in the United States?

Laborde: It should contribute powerfully to the organization and unification of the Mexican workers there. Concrete forms of cooperation must be achieved with revolutionary organizations in the United States and with workers' organizations in general—but particularly with the organizations of Mexican workers.

NEED OUR HELP

Murray: What is your view regarding the revolutionary movement here and its relations to the revolutionary movement in the United States?

Laborde: The revolutionary movement in Mexico is passing through a very touchy period. The development of the Mexican People's Front, aided by the participation of the new Confederation, can raise this movement to such a high level that Mexico will be the standard-bearer in the development of national, liberating revolutions among all the Latin-American peoples.

But it is very necessary that the workers of the United States and particularly the Communist Party of the United States, give effective aid to the movement in Mexico, mobilizing the people of North America against the fascist companies, against the Hearst Press and the Knights of Columbus who seek intervention in support of Calles and the clergy. It is necessary to organize the widest possible support of the American people for the Mexican People's Front and the government of President Cardenas.

This is important in relation also to the Pan-American Conference called by Roosevelt at which, we suspect, an attempt will be made to enroll the Latin-American countries, Mexico included, in an economic and commercial alliance for the purpose of strengthening the economic domination and political influence of the United States in Latin America.

JAPANESE AVIATORS

"Germany is training Japanese military aviators. In December, 1935, 26 German aircraft specialists went to Japan via Italy. Japanese delegates to the Naval Conference spent 2 days with Goering en route to London," Nation, 3-11-36.

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Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Control Tasks adopted by San Francisco Section Convention, to be achieved by May, 1936.

1. The proposal of the Section Convention that San Francisco strive for a dues paying membership of 750 by May has been accepted by the Section Committee. In February, dues payments averaged only 428. The dues payments for the first two weeks in March have gone up to 552. Every unit must have 100 per cent dues paying membership if we are to achieve this control task.

The sub-section membership committees must meet regularly, and the full sub-section membership must co-operate by bringing every contact before them. In this way, we will easily recruit 185 new members and draw back into the Party 65 old members. Each unit must make up a list of all contacts and all former members at once. Fractions within the unions and mass organizations must systematize their work in recruiting. The Section Committee has pledged itself to recruit 55 of the total new members.

WESTERN WORKER AND BASIC PARTY LITERATURE:

To increase the present bundle order of Western Workers from 675 to 1000, each sub-section committee must elect a responsible Western Worker agent to check on subs and routes, regular check-up to be made once a month at sub-section committee meetings; to elect a functioning San Francisco section Western Worker agent.

To increase the sales of The Communist from 125 to 250, and the sale of the PARTY ORGANIZER from 225 to 400.

To obtain 150 Western Worker subs.

TRADE UNION WORK:

The 60 Party members who can join the A. F. of L. must do so.

SHOP UNITS:

To establish three functioning shop units; one factory in the N industry; one in the G industry; and one in the U industry. To establish three functioning ship units.

NEGRO WORK:

To set up a functioning commission for work among Negroes with a responsible leader. This work to be taken up by the Fillmore and Marina sub-sections, and a responsible comrade assigned to this particular work.

AGITPROP WORK:

To set up a functioning Agit-Prop commission of five, three of whom shall be the agit-prop director; director of the Workers' School and the section literature agent.

YOUTH WORK

To popularize the decisions of the YCI Congress through the pamphlet by Gil Green. To set up a youth group in the needle trades, composed of young comrades who are members of the union. Needle trades fraction to be responsible for this task.

To help the young Communist League contact youth through a questionnaire to be filled out by youth contacts who shall be visited by the Y.C.L.

ELECTIONS:

For concentration on the elections, to begin in the 23rd Assembly district (Mission) with the organization of an assembly district sub-section apparatus that will be responsible to the section committee. Reorganization in the other assembly districts shall be guided by our experience in the concentration district.

WORK AMONG THE MINORITIES

The incoming section committee shall set up a functioning language department with a responsible head. Concentration will be on the Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Filipino and Japanese people.

FIGHT OVERTIME

ALLENTOWN, Pa. March 23.—Any attempt to enforce an edict of the state WPA administrator that Pennsylvania relief workers must put in overtime to make up time lost because of weather conditions will be answered by a strike, a mass meeting of 2000 WPA workers here unanimously voted.

Resolutions were adopted for a 30-hour week, inclusion of travel time in working time; regular pay-days, distribution of surplus commodities to WPA workers; transportation by inspected buses instead of open trucks, \$94-a-month security wage instead of the present \$60.50, two weeks notice of discontinuance of any project and automatic reinstatement of laid-off WPA workers onto relief.

Terror, Misrule in Brazil by Vargas, Wall Street Yes--Man

PEOPLE OF U. S. ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO SAVE HERO OF NOVEMBER UPRISING

The hand of Wall Street, already dripping with the blood of scores and thousands of heroic rebels, has clutched Luiz Carlos Prestes, national hero of the struggling Brazilian people, leader of the national anti-imperialistic movement of Brazil which is waging the struggle for the independence of the Brazilian people and for democratic liberty.

Prestes, a Communist, has been the hero of the Brazilian people ever since that time from 1922 to 1926, when, with iron determination and supreme courage, he led the struggle of the people against the rule of Wall Street and its agents.

FOR INDEPENDENCE

Getulio Vargas, head of the reactionary Brazilian government and himself an abject—though well-paid—slave of Wall Street, has endeavored to brand the November, 1935 uprising as "Communist led," through "agents of Moscow." Prestes, as a leading Communist, has been singled out for particular attention.

But the truth of the matter is the November uprising was led by the National Liberation League which was founded in 1935 and which always has stood forth as willing to fight for the genuine independence of Brazil. Many of those elements which, in 1930, supported the bloc of the Liberal Alliance of Vargas have since become disgusted with the open treachery of their leader who now occupies the presidential chair. These elements enthusiastically joined the National Liberation League.

The Communist Party supports and aids the National Liberation League. It supported the League in the November uprising. Prestes, as a national hero, was appointed honorary chairman of the League.

PEOPLE'S FRONT

The National Liberation League is in reality a powerful People's Front, supported by millions of starving and exploited Brazilian peasants and workers. This People's Front has issued a manifesto in which it declares that the League exists only to continue the struggle of the Brazilian people for independence and for democracy.

The tactics of Vargas in suppressing the November uprising are typical. Something like 17,000 persons were thrown in jail. Explosions were engineered and the government issued a report that "an entire arsenal of the Red Army, including arms belonging to the Workers' and Peasants' Army of the U.S.S.R., with Czech inscriptions," had been discovered amid the wreckage. Vargas issued blood-curdling stories of the "atrocities" committed by the rebels of Natal, Recife and Rio. Vargas engineered the murder of officers of his own army—formerly known as secret police agents—and laid their murder at the door of the Communist Party.

BARRON MURDERED

Vargas caused the arrest, torture and ultimate murder of an American youth, Victor Barron, son of Harrison George, and through the reactionary press associations announced he had committed suicide. Barron, it was said, dived from a window after he had "revealed" the hiding place of Prestes. But Prestes had been arrested and jailed days before Barron had been taken into custody. When this was discovered, the Brazilian police changed their story. "Barron," they now declare, "was insane when he committed suicide."

EWART TORTURED

The ex-Reichstag Deputy, Arthur Ewart, along with his wife, has been imprisoned, tortured and threatened with deportation to Nazi Germany, where instant death awaits him. Abel Chermont, senator, speaking recently in the Senate of his country declared: "This latter (Ewart) . . . suffers so much torture and so brutal beatings, that, in spite of his rugged physique, his ribs have been fractured by his tortures in the headquarters of the police and he has had to be treated in the hospital . . ."

Ewart, a refugee from the Nazis, was studying economic and historical questions in Brazil. Forged documents were placed among his papers by the Vargas agents. He is charged with being a "spy" and there is a demand that he be court-martialed and shot.

Vargas has so altered the Brazilian constitution that it is one of

the most dictatorial in Latin America. Among the thousands rotting in the filthy Brazilian prisons are soldiers, peasants, workers, teachers, lawyers and judges. Included among these are:

FACE DEATH

Dr. Frederico Carpenter, member of the law faculty of the Rio University, chairman of the Brazilian section of the International Jurists' Association, the national section of the International Jurists' Association; Hermes Lima, Castro Rabello and Leonidas de Rezende, well-known writers and professors.

The people of the United States, where American imperialism has its roots, are directly concerned with the struggles of the Brazilian people for independence and democracy and freedom from the exploiters. We in this country must force Wall Street and its tool, Vargas, to release Prestes, Ewart and all of those who now are being tortured in prison, many of whom, like Prestes, face death.

PROTEST

Send protest telegrams to the Vargas government, copies to Senator Abel Chermont, Brazilian Senate, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Organize broad committees for the defense of the Brazilian people. Organize delegations to the Brazilian consulates. Utilize all mass meetings for the adoption of protest resolutions. Demand a Congressional investigation of the collusion of the American Ambassador, Gibson, with the Brazilian police in the torture and murder of the American youth, Barron.

THE "TASKMAKERS OF EGYPT"

Roswell, New Mex. Editor, Western Worker: The taskmakers of Egypt have nothing on our modern slave driving system as the following reports will show. First, the curb and gutter project of Hobbs, employing a considerable number of men who were unable to carry on under the slave-driving and cold, and struck for better conditions and, it is stated, were ordered to either go back to work or the project would be closed. These men and their families are now turned out to starve or be transferred to some contract job where real slave-drivers are hired to push them. This is the case just east of Roswell at Comanche Draw where all the workers from the East Grand Plains project and several other projects, have been herded together and several hundred are now building highways with wheelbarrows and pick and shovel without machinery,—just as was done 2000 years ago.

Here we can see hundreds of these poor unfortunates on the trot up steep embankments with wheelbarrows building the "highways" of New Mexico with all modern helps and invention thrown to the wind and the contractors forcing the last bit of energy out of these men for so much a day.

A more cynical, cruel system of task making is hardly imaginable, and if any one of these men fall down in these tasks or kick on conditions he is promptly fired.

W. C.

STUDY FAR NORTH

During 1936 more than four hundred members of 33 scientific expeditions will set out on three icebreakers to the Soviet North to look for coal, iron, gold, and rare metals, to investigate seal fishing and reindeer hunting and to make astronomical and geodetic observations. Geological scientists alone number 150. The groups will be landed at different points and pursue their specific tasks on a well organized schedule.

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FROM A HOUSEWIFE

Richmond, Calif.

Editor, Western Worker: I've never contributed a line to the "Worker." I've read it for a couple of years and have given a few dimes to help along, but my work is not among people. I work continuously with my housework, children, and chickens, but while I work I think, and I surely do admire our paper and the Communist Party.

Chances are few, but I never miss a chance to put in a good word and I always put my papers and pamphlets in some good spot to be read by others when I'm through.

Well, anyhow, here is a poem, if it could be called one, and at least it may give you a laugh if not worth more. Maybe you'll think I don't know "beans." Well, I should—I've taken a lot of them the last few years.

Best wishes to the success of the Western Worker and the Communist Party.

M. J.

ODE TO CALIFORNIA

California, Golden State, Mob rule, lynch law, workers' fate. Vigilantes at your Golden Gate; Come, comrades, it's not too late.

We'll reclaim you for our own, Return to you your golden crown; Out of their filthy jails we'll make Palaces for your beauty's sake.

And round them, still shall hover The spirit of labor's emancipator

To make even more beautiful these places;

Rest homes for unfortunates of all races.

Though some of us are still in the mist We'll up with our arm and clench our fist, And follow our leaders into the sun, To see our fight right well begun.

And never again shall Willie Hearst

Defile you with his fascist thirst. If he and his ilk don't step in line They'll just be lost in the march of time.

For we'll put him down, The fascist hound; And though he'll rant and tear Watch us keep him there.

We don't want charity, Just give us solidarity, And when this we've won We'll celebrate Labor's coronation.

P.S.—This is my first attempt.

PARIS STRIKE

PARIS, Mar. 16.—River boatmen on the waterways near Paris are out on strike. They demand application of conditions of the Emergency Decree of November, 1919, which regulates working conditions in the river shipping industry and provides for an 8-hour working day. River boatmen have been working as many as 18 hours per day, at a starvation wage.

If One Good Poem Deserves Another Then Here It Is

In our issue of Mar. 23 we printed a letter and a poem from "F. F." a 10-year old girl in Los Angeles. She asked us to start a children's section. A friend of hers (sex and age unknown) writes us the following:

Los Angeles.

Dear Editor:

"F. F." is my friend. I too like the Daily Worker better. Also, I would like you to have some cartoons. A children's page would be fun and I wish you would have an aviation club in it. I am interested in and want to be a pilot. I have managed to think of war long enough to write this poem:

WAR

Like a shadow creeping, creeping, Like the blood of thousands dead Grim and morbid, dark and evil, Bathed in battle's bloody red.

With ruthless hands it slays, Yet it wishes only more; It chuckles to the dying screams, It laughs with cannon roar.

It reaps its harvest often, To the frequent show'ers of lead; Chattering to the cannon roar— Shouting o'er the dead.

—Miera.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—In preparation for a gigantic May Day celebration, the Downtown Sub-section of the Communist Party will hold street meetings every Sunday at 2 p. m., March 29th through April 26th, at the Plaza.

UNION OFFICER HAS MILITANT WORKER JAILED

CABRANO OF SAN MATEO CARPENTERS CALLS POLICE

BURLINGAME, Calif.—Mr. F. From was arrested recently for passing out New Masses in front of the Labor Temple here. Joe Cabrano, business agent of San Mateo Carpenters' Union, called the police and had him arrested.

Mr. From was released on \$25 bail after a preliminary hearing before Judge Stetson at the San Mateo County court house.

No complaint was read. Date for the jury trial was set for April 14th in Judge Stetson's court.

Joe Cabrano is the same Cabrano the San Francisco Chronicle has written so much about. He has been doing crooked racketeering in San Mateo County relief. He has been responsible for the firing of militant workers on several jobs.

A former member of his union has written that Al Capone was a piker, compared to the crooked deeds this union business agent has done in San Mateo County relief.

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Books and Pamphlets

What about the American middle classes? What are their problems? Are they the predominant class in America as some would-be Marxist "specialists" would have us believe?

Lewis Corey has written a book about them. (The Crisis of the Middle Class; Covici Friede, New York, \$2.50) in which he shows, with clear logic and abundant statistics, that the American middle class is not the predominant class.

There are approximately 28,000,000 wage workers in the United States. The urban middle class, including clerical workers, numbers 12,500,000 or 25 per cent of all those gainfully employed.

Most middle class people do not own enough property to derive any substantial income from it. They depend on employment for a living.

They are not in a position to fight their battles alone. They must choose between labor and Wall Street and if they choose the latter they will find themselves headed toward fascism. Under fascism they will be impoverished at a more rapid rate than at present.

"Historically," says Corey, "the middle class was a revolutionary class, struggling against feudalism to establish the rights of small property."

WOMEN, WAR AND FASCISM by Dorothy McConnell (5 cents—18 pp.)

During the last three years, the campaign against women has developed into a worldwide movement including the United States. "It has become a cool, steady, ruthless drive which is even more drastic than any drive against racial minorities." Dorothy McConnell in her pamphlet WOMEN, WAR AND FASCISM makes it abundantly clear that if women are to successfully oppose war and fascism and thus safeguard their security and freedom, they must organize. Had it not been for organized protest of Belgian women in 1934, their employment in factories and offices would have been severely curtailed and they would have been excluded from all posts in public departments.

Women are essential to the development of a fascist state because they provide cheap labor and a high birth-rate. They are essential to a successful war, because they run munition plants, factories, business offices and

transport during wartime. In the United States "all haters of fascism should nite with women... to repeal the 213A clause of the National Economy Act which gives government sanction to the discrimination against women... Private industries have taken their cue from the government and have carried their strictures much further. . . . The employers are not making a drive against women only. They are using a situation which exists to make a drive against the whole working population."

The March choice of the Book Union is "Soviet Communism," by Beatrice and Sidney Webb. In the Book Union Bulletin, Corliss Lamont says: "The Webbs have written the book on Soviet Russia. And in all likelihood, it will remain as such for some time to come." The editors of the Book Union, in a special statement, say they "are convinced that the book is not only the best and most important selection they have yet made, but is one of the few really great works of scholarship of our times."

"Soviet Communism" is scheduled for early in March by Scribners. Information may be secured by writing to the Book Union, 381 Fourth ave., New York City.

CHILDREN OF Religious Sect Won't Salute

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20.—Investigation of "subversive elements" among children in the Perry School of the Redondo district was ordered here today by the district attorney's office, because the children's religious beliefs are said to bar them from saluting the flag.

The order came from the board of supervisors, on motion of Supervisor John R. Quinn.

Assorted more than 100 residents of the community complained that the children were not saluting the flag. They are said to be members of "Jehovah's Witnesses," national religious sect.

A similar case occurred in Massachusetts several months ago.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that union officials support such work.

California's Sun Kissed Hoodlums

A Story of the Whys and Wherefores of Vigilante Activity - - By Ronald R. Cooley

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

With union halls and workers' homes wrecked, with vigilantes smashing at the picket lines of the mill strikers in this unnamed California city, the bosses are riding high. Sockie Boyd and Jim Halver, Communists and officials of the mill workers' union, together with scores of other militants, are hunted like rats. Nevertheless they have led a drive to bring out the other union locals in a sympathetic general strike to end the vigilanteism. Many of the unions have voted to go out.

Now go on with the story.

CHAPTER IV. WHO'S OUT OF ORDER?

The Teamsters' Union met in a special session to consider the situation. Though it hadn't been announced beforehand, every man knew they were to decide whether or not their local would join a general strike in support of the hard pressed mill workers.

The president walked onto the platform and pounded for silence. The gossiping teamsters in the front row fell silent, stepped on their smokes and began to holler "pipe down." Patiently the president banged again, and the second row gave over its conversation and joined the outcry for silence. Again he thumped with his gavel: "The meeting will come to order," he shouted hopefully, and the third and fourth rows began hissing in loud and resonant "shushes!" Presently the chair had them all crying for order and silence and so the meeting opened. By the time the minutes had been read the last row had given over its crap game and had come to order.

A teamster near the door waved his hand and addressed the chair. "Brother Bulow has the floor," the chair responded.

"The business agent of the mill workers' union is outside and wants the privilege of the floor," announced Bulow.

The gavel banged. "Out of order!"

"Whaddaya mean! Out of order? Ain't we holding this meeting to decide on a general strike vote . . . ?"

"Siddown, Bulow! You're out of order!" The president glowered under his scraggy brows and looked very puffy.

"I will not siddown! I'm a paid-up member of this union and I gotta right to the floor!" Bulow looked tough.

"Siddown, you sonofabitch!" and the gavel banged.

"I've got the floor and I ain't sittin' down!" Big Bert Bulow roared and ten pounds of leathery muscle towered six foot four in the aisle. "Jim Halver, business agent of the mill workers, has got something to say . . ."

A rangy, blonde youth rose tipsily in a tobacco-fumed corner. "Atta boy, Bert! We want Halver!" He hiccuped. "Whoopie! We want Halver!"

"Throw that drunk out!" The chairman pointed at the youth with his gavel. Half a dozen overalled bouncers rose. Bulow moved to intercept them.

"You ain't throwin' anybody outta this meetin'!" he roared.

A dozen rose in his support. "You're damn tootin' he ain't!"

"We're goin' to VOTE on things tonight!"

"Get tough and we'll throw your beef squad through a wall!"

The chairman was nonplussed. Not being able to throw out the opposition was something new for him. He banged for order and tried to think.

The front row began to whistle and stamp. "We want Halver—we want Halver—we want Halver!"

"Alright!" the chair surrendered. "Call him in."

JIM HALVER wasted no time in formalities. He said his say in just five minutes. "We can lick the mill owners, hands down, but we can't stand up alone against the vigilantes. We've asked the other unions to join us in a general strike to end the terror. Twenty-two unions voted to go out—but they didn't set any dates. So now the Central Labor Council has appointed a Strategy Committee to lead the general walkout; and what's it done?" His voice was sarcastic. "It declared that 'drastic action must be postponed until all avenues to a peaceful settlement are proven closed'—and then it went into conference with the arbitration board!"

The tipsy teamster rose with a cheer. "Whoopie, for the peace-lovin' Strategy Committee!"

"Siddown!" Someone shoved him over a chair and he disappeared with a crash.

"The Strategy Committee is just losin' time," Halver went on. "And if we're not to lose our strike to the vigilantes then there's got to be a general strike, and it's gotta be quick. I was sent here by my union to ask you to vote to come out to back us. And if you do vote to strike, why for the love of Mike set a DATE, for it, so the Labor Council can't stall you!"

They cheered him to a fare-you-well.

Big Bert Bulow, twenty years a member of the Teamsters, took the floor: "I move that this union go out on strike, on all jobs, a week from next Monday; and that we stay out until the vigilantes have completely ceased their activity in this city."

There was a moment of silence, broken only by the sound of scores of union men catching their breath. Then came a shower of seconds to the motion.

Mike Racey, twenty years president of the union, banged with his gavel. "You're crazy!" he declared. "One union can't make a general strike!"

"Somebody's got to start it," shouted half a dozen. "The Strategy Committee won't."

"Everybody's voted to go out!"

"Yeah, what are we waiting for?"

"We're waiting for the Strategy Committee and Mike Racey!"

"Boo!"

"Strike!"

Racey turned the chair over to the secretary, and for twenty minutes he harangued the men, reminding them they were only one union; reminding them of the union's contracts; reminding them they wouldn't get their strike benefits if they joined an unauthorized walkout,—he reminded them of everything except the fact that the vigilantes were bent on smashing the unions, which would automatically do away with their contracts, strike benefits and everything else.

"I move that this union express its complete confidence in the General Strike Strategy Committee," he concluded in an impassioned voice.

They answered with a roar of boos and a splutter of raspberries. "You mean Tragedy Committee!" they yelled.

Racey was exasperated. "Alright. How're you going to get the rest of the unions to follow you?"

"They're just waiting for someone to give the word!"

"Whoopie for the word!" cried the drunk.

ANOTHER teamster got up. In his hand he held a little four-

page mimeographed newspaper, the "Rank and Filer." "A mill striker gave me this while I was on my way to this meeting," he said. "And the whole thing is addressed to the unions that have voted for a general strike and calls on them to make it a week from next Monday. The appeal is signed by the mill workers' strike committee. If we're worth a damn we'll start the ball rolling by answering this appeal with a vote to strike!"

"At a ticket!"

"The Warehousemen and the Taxi Drivers meet tomorrow night!" bellowed a voice from the

There's too much red-baiting in this union. Everybody that wants to do something that shoulda been done five years ago is a Red. His jaw was out like the bumper on a Mack truck as he turned and faced Racey. "I helped put out that paper,—and I've been a member of the Communist Party for three years!" Racey's jaw sagged in amazement at such impudence. Big Bert waved a fist and continued, "And I dare any sonofabitch in the building to tell me to my face that I use trickery or that I'm not a good union man!"

Racey's bald pate was blue with



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rear. "We can send a committee to invite 'em to join the party!"

The building fairly shivered and settled with the approval of the men. In the back of every mind was a picture of the terror the mill strikers were facing, and the realization that if the vigilantes weren't stopped now they would some day enter the Teamsters' hall with their pick handles and blackjacks. The tide flowed for a walkout vote.

And like the Dutch boy at the dyke Racey stuck his nickel's worth into the conservative dam and appealed for "sanity."

"You're letting the Reds stampede you!" he screamed. "You know that thing's a Red paper. Use your heads for a minute! First we're asked to walk out a week from Monday — then up bobs this Communist rag with an appeal to everybody to go out a week from Monday!"

He mopped his brow and broke the gavel. "And if that ain't a slick piece of trickery, whaddya call it!"

An outraged teamster rose. "I helped put out that paper, and I ain't no Red!"

"Whatsa matter with the Reds?"

Someone laughed and answered, "They're alright!"

Big Bert Bulow rose yet another time. His prominent ears were mottled with anger. "That's what I want to know!" he roared. "Whatsa matter with the Reds!"

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By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

FOR THE MEDICINE CHEST (Continued)

When you are ill, even if your symptoms seem trifling, you should not attempt to treat yourself, but should call a doctor. But, if you are like most people today, unable to afford it, then here is a list of remedies for your medicine chest. Their use, in place of expensive patent remedies, will not only save your money, but will help you avoid being victimized by quackeries that are apt to be harmful.

Prices listed are approximate; dosages are for adults only.

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SORE MOUTH: medicine, five per cent boric acid solution; mouth wash. Price, 15 cents a pint.

SORE THROAT: medicine, Dobell's solution; gargle. Price, 50 cents a pint.

STIFF NECK OR MUSCLES: medicine, alcohol; massage muscles. Price, 50 cents a pint.

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Can You Name This Column?

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

You still have three weeks to think up and send in a prize-winning name for this column. Entries are coming in a bit slowly yet. Remember, if your suggestion is accepted you get a YEAR'S FREE SUBSCRIPTION to The Woman Today, a new monthly magazine which has just begun publication in New York. This contest closes Saturday, April 18th, and the winner will be announced in the issue of April 23rd.

ANOTHER GIRL AND I

"I don't know what it is," I said. "When I look at you girls, you appear as if a breath would blow you away. You don't seem to be standing anywhere. You laugh and talk with someone, but you look as though you are somewhere else, as though you are in an awful hurry to be off—though heaven knows where you are going."

"We certainly don't know," she said. "And we don't know any reason why we should be where we are, either."

"Now you were called 'The Lost Generation,'" she went on. "The Post War Generation, there was a time at least that you knew where you were going."

"We thought we did," I replied, "but we soon found out how wrong we were. We thought we had a future; we thought we were going to have a career, or raise a family, and then all of a sudden—there was the crash and the ground went out from under our feet."

"Yes," said the other girl. "But while you were growing up, you were standing on the ground, however unsteady it really was. All the time you were maturing you felt yourselves a part of society as it was. You were geared in to it the way it was going; you had a chance to set your bones

get solid. But we've never belonged. We never had our feet on the ground. We never got hold anywhere. It's the sex side, too."

That reminded me of something I once heard that stuck in my mind. I told her about it.

A college girl, one of a "smart" crowd. She was clever, good looking, too, and she dressed well. I'd always thought of her as admirable because of her looks and her charming manner. "Who the devil," she said, to someone about something, "would marry me?"

The other girl nodded. "It's not only that," she said. "We get married. But it doesn't seem to mean anything. And it's not the matter of kids, either. I don't know what it is. You'd just as well not be that, that's all."

"You can't plan anything," I said.

"That's it. You can't plan anything. And you can't talk about finances, because what's the use? So you don't talk at all. We just kid each other, and talk nonsense, because we can't talk about the things that we're thinking about. There's no use talking about things if you can't do anything about them."

"But you can do something about them."

So we talked about that.

A NURSERY ON CALLES' ESTATE

Women of Mexico Want Pre-natal Vacation With Pay—National Meet Maps Plan

(Special to The Western Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 15.—Last week there took place in Mexico City an important Conference for Women's Civil Rights, attended by delegates from all parts of Mexico. The principal points in the program were: the right of suffrage; women to be paid the same salaries as men when performing the same work; working women to be granted a two months rest period with pay before and after pregnancy; the role of women in the fight against war and fascism and for the dissolution of the fascist "Gold Shirts."

Many peasant women delegates spoke at the Conference describing the problems of women workers in different parts of Mexico. A peasant woman from Morelos (where one of the wealthy estates and mansions of Plutarco Calles is located) demanded the confiscation of Calles' property and its conversion into a creche. A peasant from Tabasco described the terrible conditions in that state where the majority of the children are backward because of poor and inadequate food, while the Spanish land-owners make large profits. Another peasant woman from Chiapas told how the Governor of that state spent \$43,

000 to break the recent banana strike in which many women workers were involved.

Margarita Velasco pointed out a grave fault in the Congress, that there was little representation from the women factory workers.

Consuelo Uranga, representative of the Communist Party, called for the creation of a vast women's movement of the broadest possible base, whose task would be the conquest of women's civil, political and social rights.

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EDITORIALS

SEAMEN, ATTENTION! No Strikes Permitted In Fascist Countries

News from Italy reports that the fascist no-strike law was invoked against the striking crew of the American Dollar liner "S. S. President Garfield." (See story on page one.)

Here is striking confirmation of our indictment of fascist countries for their suppression of workers' rights. All the more reason for maritime and shoreside unions making it their business to rally forces to combat fascism here and conduct a vigorous anti-fascist anti-vigilante campaign in general.

Although it is true that American workers as yet have the legal right to strike, fascism creeps on in bolder fashion than ever before.

Evidence for this is seen in shipowners and industrialists conspiring with State officials and stool-pigeons to smash the unions and frame working class leaders. Also, the arming of "industrial guards" and the hoarding of secret caches of deadly bombs and lethal weapons for use against strikers points to a vigorous all-round offensive against living standards and union solidarity.

In this regard, Senator La Follette's committee for preliminary investigation of violations of civil liberties by employer groups should receive the widest encouragement. We have no hesitation in declaring that investigation of California groups alone would provide sensational material as to the underhanded, unscrupulous and ruthless plans of profit-hungry employers to utilize governmental agencies as well as professional strike-breakers and frame-up artists to weaken the entire labor movement.

Not only does this prove the necessity for setting up active trade union anti-vigilante committees of action, but also demands that all workers turn their attention to the political field and rally behind the Farmer-Labor Party movement to wrest political control away from the old corrupt capitalist parties and place popular power in the hands of the people.

Italy and Germany are horrible examples, holding up a mirror to the American workers.

Fight for the right to strike—the right to live!

Young Man, If You Cannot Find A Paying Job, Work FOR NOTHING

The chairman of the national defense committee of the California Daughters of the American Revolution on behalf of the recent State convention, has demanded that national headquarters fight for the following program:

Severance of relations with the Soviet Union.
Outlawing of the Communist Party.
Universal fingerprinting.
Stringent deportation laws.
Defeat of the American Youth Act.
Creation of an American diplomatic school for training young Americans.

This needs no comment from us, as it obviously represents merely a part of the general fascist program such as is vigorously propagated by Hearstites. But the comment that accompanied criticism of the American Youth Act is priceless: the Act would "subsidize unemployed youths with Federal funds and make them exempt from labor on military projects or capitalistic industrial projects."

HOW TERRIBLE

Note the echo of this, even more plainly expressed, in the editorial column of Hearst's San Francisco "Call Bulletin":

"That is the position of modern youth; if it cannot make a living in the city, let it try to do so in the country."

"If it can't get what it thinks it ought to be paid let it work, willingly, for less."

"And if it can't get that less," it should be willing to work and learn FOR NOTHING."

Nothing remains to be said. Go to the devil, young man.

What price fascism. Daughters of no more American Revolution?

Make May Day a Unity Day For the Farmer-Labor Party

May Day approaches once more. This international day of the workers promises to produce the mightiest parade and celebration of united front movements against poverty, war and fascism ever experienced. The workers everywhere will take over the streets and demonstrate their

mighty power, challenging capitalism and its miseries.

May Day is as genuinely an American tradition as any national holiday. It is America's great traditional contribution to the celebration dates of the international workers. It began in 1886 when Chicago police murdered workers who were striking for the eight-hour day. It is also associated with the Haymarket martyrs who were hung after being convicted on a false charge of bombing—the first great legal lynching such as threatens the Scottsboro Boys; and similar to that which keeps Tom Mooney incarcerated. A speaker at their funeral declared:

"For the love of truth they died. They fought for a cause believing themselves in the right, and in the years to come they will be loved and revered."

May Day this year is to be an occasion for more than deep felt reverence; it is a day for triumphant rallying of all liberal and progressive forces in squares and parks, and at public mass meetings, cementing the united front that will fight back reaction and preserve our liberties in spite of the Hearst-Liberty League fascist threats.

Begin to popularize May Day through the literature on sale in the peoples' bookshops. Drive for unity of action such as has already brought unity between trade unions, Socialists and Communists in many parts of the country. Build sentiment for the Farmer-Labor Party, the forces for which will make huge forward strides in the May Day demonstration.

Let May Day be the occasion for not only celebrating the victory of the workers in the Socialist Soviet Union and the victories of the People's Front movements in Spain and France, but the achievement of unity of all progressive forces behind the Farmer-Labor Party in California!

Storm Troopers Are Ready To Enforce Nazi 'Democracy'

Nazi Storm Troopers have received orders to don their uniforms and "be prepared" for the "election" due on March 29th.

Ready—to terrorize people into voting in support of Hitler's audacious denial of democratic rights.

Ready—to beat and jail those who make use of the election to arouse support for the people's front against war and fascism.

Ready—to murder Hitler's most feared opponents, the Communists and Revolutionary Socialists.

Popular will is to be consulted, bludgeoned in hand! The results will naturally be "overwhelmingly in favor" of Hitler's war provocations and rule by terror. This is presumed to allay the fears of foreign financiers whose loans are needed to stave off the approaching crisis in Germany.

At the same time, the elections of factory representatives, usually held in the factories under Nazi supervision, have been postponed for a year, according to an obscure news item. Last year these elections went strongly against Hitler's fraudulent "Labor Front" in spite of coercion and terror. And this year the united front and free trade union sentiment is still stronger. These elections would completely expose the fraud of the national "plebiscite," were they permitted free expression; hence their suppression.

It is not so easy to rig elections in the factories these days. The organized strength of the workers, patiently being built up in the factories by courageous anti-fascists, is just beginning to break through the terror, before long it will come out openly in the streets and neighborhoods.

Here is evidence that in the factories is to be found the source of power—working class power—that provides the solid core of strength that ultimately rallies weaker elements to a common struggle. It is the basis for Soviets, broad, democratic organs for struggle and for the administration of revolutionary needs, that will ultimately be called into existence when parliamentary democracy—the sort of "democracy" that Hitler easily controls—fails to meet the needs of an aroused, organized, disciplined people who know exactly where they are going. Such forms are developing in Spain at the present moment, fighting to release those forces of revolutionary change long held back by reaction that takes the form of open fascist terror.

Hitler has suppressed the real elections. No one in the slightest degree acquainted with the facts will be fooled by his thin pretense of "democracy." The workers will forge their own democratic forms, including in them masses of allies from the farmers and the city middle classes, and sweep fascism aside in the same series of acts with which they abolish capitalism.

What The Well Dressed Murderer Will Wear



A large part of humanity was outraged when Darwin suggested that human beings evolved from monkeys. Far better cause for indignation is the growing tendency of mankind to develop into beasts of blood-fied and destruction as pictured above.

The diseased hulk of capitalism in its dying fevers is prepared to breathe poison gas. The Japanese soldier above may think that his mask will afford him some security. But no mask can defend against the gasses invented since the last war. The only defense is for the populations of nations to organize and prevent the capitalist powers from releasing the destructive fumes.

Can Victims of Black Scare Afford to Raise Red Scare?

RANDOLPH'S REPLY TO ATTACKS ON NEGRO MEET

In a brilliant statement printed in the Feb. 29 issue of the Chicago Defender, a leading Negro newspaper, A. Phillip Randolph, unanimously re-elected president of the National Negro Congress, makes a passionate defense of the Congress against red baiting attacks.

Randolph, a prominent Socialist and one of the foremost labor leaders of the country, is president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. He favors the United Front and a Farmer Labor Party.

His statement which is a stirring appeal for support of the Congress follows in part:

STATEMENT

"I read with interest and some concern some newspaper reports purporting to show that the National Negro Congress which met in Chicago February 14 was dominated by Communists. I hasten in the interest of fact and truth to refute this charge as entirely false and entirely without foundation."

"The National Negro Congress as the name plainly expresses, is a Negro movement, and it has projected to fight for Negro rights. It was not, is not and will not be dominated by either Communists, Republicans, Socialists or Democrats. Being a Negro movement, it naturally includes Negroes of all political faiths, Democrats, Communists, Republicans and Socialists as well as Negroes of various religious creeds and denominations, such as Catholics and Protestants, Baptists and Methodists, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Seventh Day Adventists possibly followers of Father Divine and what not, and why not?"

A LEGAL PARTY

"Since when can Negroes, the victims of the black scare by the Ku Klux Klan and Negro-phobists, North and South, afford to raise the 'red scare' bogey in these United States? Negroes who elect to be Communists need make no apology for it. That is their right. It is guaranteed by the Federal Constitution. Communists are not criminals. The Communist Party is a legitimate political party and has city, state and national tickets like Republicans and Democrats."

"Nor should Negroes who are sincerely fighting for race rights become alarmed when they are condemned as 'reds,' even if some well-meaning, but misguided, innocent Negro leaders of men of the cloth do so, or if they are denounced by the American Liberty League or by the famous Negro hater and the hater of all peoples of color, William Randolph Hearst."

MINORITY GROUPS

"It's gotten to be a regular indoor sport now to damn most movements and individuals who resolutely and aggressively fight for human and race rights of the workers and minority groups by branding them as 'red.'"

"Negro preachers should not forget that Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross because the Phari-

sees, Saducees and Scribes charged that he 'stirred up the people' and 'dined and supped with the Publicans and Sinners.' They should remember that the early Christians were thrown to the wild beasts in the Roman amphitheatre, burned at the stake, and driven into the catacombs of Rome by Pagan Roman despots because they dared to preach the doctrine of the brotherhood of man. Jesus Christ and his followers were persecuted as Communists, then because they supped together at a communal table. Persecuted, harassed, hunted, hounded and hanged as we are, are we to become the persecutors of others?"

EMANCIPATION STRUGGLE

"And what about the rise of the Republican Party? It was born in the fires of persecution. Its leaders were scorned as 'nigger lovers.' It was the third party then. The Bourbon slave power of the South would have put a follower of the Grand Old Party to death were he found in Dixie. Thus Communists don't receive any worse welcome now in Georgia than Republicans received there before the Civil War."

"Negroes ought not soon to forget that their emancipation was the result of the fight put up by men like Lovejoy, Wendell Phillips and Garrison, who were rotten-egged, put upon and dragged through the streets of Boston, while the immortal John Brown was put to death."

"Can Negroes who have Scottsboro and Angelo Herndon cases; can Negroes who are segregated, lynched, mobbed and jimcrowed; can Negroes who are denied justice in the courts, the right to work on certain jobs, the right to equal education; can Negroes who are the victims of a ruthless sharecrop and tenant farmer slavery system, of vagrancy laws and grandfather clauses, afford to join the pack of bigoted witchhunters and rave and yell

like mad dervishes for the blood of Communists?"

NOT A COMMUNIST

"I am not a Communist. John P. Davis, the moving spirit of the Congress and secretary, is not a Communist. Marion Cuthbert, treasurer, is not a Communist. These are the chief national officers. But while I am not a Communist, I am willing to go down fighting for the rights of any Negro to exercise his Constitutional right as a free man, to join the Communist Party or any other party he may choose to join, for to deny him this right is to reduce him to a slave."

"The National Negro Congress was epoch-making. It was composed of groups of serious-minded Negroes and their white sympathetic allies, who represented millions of Negro people everywhere. They represented the great masses of Negroes sorely beset by poverty and misery with no other hope except meagre relief and that grudgingly doled out. They face evictions from day to day and the police club if they protest, also the jail, sickness and eventual death. This is their hapless lot."

A WAY OUT

"Our downtrodden group is looking for a way out and they came together from all part of the country to talk about it and act. Verily these are serious times and this is serious business. This large group of Negroes deserves the reverence and support and not the ridicule and opposition of Negroes of high degree. Make no mistake! Negroes are massing together with their white working brothers and they are taking the march, and if I know them as I think I do, they are in no mood to be taunted with meaningless labels by those white or black who fail to sense the deepening and swelling tide of discontent and the gathering wrath of the people abroad in the land."

FLORIDA BRICKLAYER NAILED TO CROSS FOR 'COMPLAINING'

OCALA, Fla., (FP)—Nailed with heavy spikes to a crudely constructed cross, his lips sewn together with coarse twine because he dared to criticize the existing order, George J. Timmerman, a jobless bricklayer, was saved from certain death near Ocala when a passerby heard his groans and called for help.

While Timmerman lay suffering in a local hospital bed, Sheriff S. C. M. Thomas suggested the case "looks like a fake to me," and Police Chief J. H. Spencer opined that the victim had allowed himself to be crucified "for communistic reasons" so that he might become a "martyr" and "gain public sympathy." Cops had been forced to extract many 4½-inch spikes from Timmerman's hands and feet to remove him from the cross, to

which he had been nailed by three of four unknown men. A heavy coat had been thrown over his head to prevent his cries being heard.

Timmerman, who local cops said had been involved in "labor troubles" on the federal government's new trans-Florida ship canal, was returning to Camp Roosevelt in search of new work. He managed to tell police that an armed stranger halted him on the road and forced him at pistol point into the woods. There three or four other men threw a coat over his head, choked him and completed the crucifixion.

One of them, he recalled, shouted: "This ought to teach you to keep your trap shut. You should have stayed out of Florida."

Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

OLD MAN GANDER isn't finished. I'll give you more instalments of it later. And when that is finished we'll have BISHOP QUIN'S HYMN BOOK. But this issue is going to be a breathing spell because we have a lot of correspondence to clean up.

Not long ago I quoted some famous rhymes of writers living and dead and asked you to send in your favorites so we could make a collection. Since then we've been experiencing a veritable Johnstown flood of poetry.

D. J. sends in the famous reply Ambrose Bierce made to snobbish critics. Bierce was a San Francisco writer who styled himself a cynic. He was far from class conscious but developed a profound hatred for the bourgeoisie and made a career for himself out of walking over their corns. His art was to figure out what would displease the bourgeoisie the most and then contrive to say it. He succeeded so well that all the snob critics in England and America took up cudgels against him. To this, Bierce replied:

"Lo! How my fame rings out in every zone,
"A thousand critics shouting
"He's unknown!"

D. J., in his letter, believes that the enmity of fools has always served to build the prestige of better men. And he sees some comparison between the critics of Bierce and the Hearstian critics of Communism.

Ella Winter sent in these two as her favorites:

"Peace on earth," was said.
We sing it.
And pay a million priests to bring it.

After two thousand years of mass,
We've got as far as poison gas.
—THOMAS HARDY

"God save England! God save the King!"
God heard the embattled nations sing and shout.

"God this, God that and God the other thing."
"Good God!" said God. "I've got my work cut out."

G. K. CHESTERTON

Reverend Robert Whitaker doesn't quote, but writes his own rhymes and sends them in. He encloses a letter in which he tells me the rhyme about golf links and children, which I printed as anonymous, is by Sarah Clegg. Whitaker vigorously flays poets who write fancy intellectual vagaries and urges a return to clear, direct rhymes which say what they have to say plainly.

His letter is long and interesting, and I will quote one part:

"It is nearly 30 years now since Henry George opened to me the way of economic interest, which led me to read on far beyond him and to become a Socialist, and my wife, who was but a young girl then, years before I married her, has been a radical for over forty years. We were both ready for Communism when the Russian Revolution opened our eyes to realism of strategy which had been slowly dawning upon us through our study of the I.W.W. movement and contact with it."

Here are the Reverend's rhymes:

LONDON

Hearst rode the donkey yesterday,
The Democratic ass;
Today he rides the elephant
And feeds him Kansas grass.

BORAH

Bill Borah is a man, no doubt,
Who loves his fellow men;
But he walks right in,
And he turns about,
And he walks right out again.

F. D. R.

"Ticket," the old conductor said;
Alas! Frank couldn't find it.

The ticket puncher bobbed his head,
"You had it; never mind it."

"But," Frank replied behind a cough,
"How will I know where to get off?"

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Call it by any name you will,
And damn it as you may;
Labor it is that pays the bill
And feeds Hell's mouth today.

Edward R. Nelson of Los Angeles writes as follows:

"I certainly subscribe to the views you have expressed as to the value of poetry (rhyme) and have been preaching the use of such to the fullest possible degree for many years."

"Rhyming has contributed largely in the past to the downfall of all rotten systems that fatten on the working class."

"Rhyming was largely responsible for the I. W. W. movement. Listen! I seem to hear the wobbles singing—'We'll have PIE in the SKY when we DIE.'"

"Though I personally am not connected with your movement, I believe that all the divergent factions now devoted to opposing the Capitalist System should cooperate with one another to said certain end. So I am contributing a bit of rhyme to help the good work along."

Here's Nelson's bit:

Brother, I would not care if you
Were German or Irish or Jew.

What your religion chanced to be
Would be of no concern to me.

From where you came and what you are,
To my friendship would be no bar.

It's what you are far down inside;
On that alone would I decide.
I have had friends of every hue,
White, brown, yellow and black ones too.

With me the thought will ever abide;
It's in the heart, not in the hide.

RED FUNERAL Hawthorne, Cal., Comrade Gone

HAWTHORNE, Calif.—The funeral of Comrade Joseph Paulukonis, of 127 Hawthorne Boulevard, was held at 3:00 p. m. Friday, March 20.

Comrade William Kellas gave a brief address, summarizing the life and activities of the dead comrade. A Lithuanian Comrade spoke in the native Lithuanian tongue.

Joseph Paulukonis was born 36 years ago in Lithuania. He knew the oppression of Czarist Russia. In 1903 he came to America. He became a citizen of this country, moved to California twenty-three years ago and remained here until his death.

At the close of Comrade Kellas' farewell he said, "The Communist Party will now pay its respects to the deceased."

Two little Pioneers then stepped into the aisle carrying a red banner on which was inscribed a Hammer and Sickle. They carried it to the side of the bier where a member of the Los Angeles Section Committee draped it over the coffin. They then saluted and spoke these few, but powerful words, "Our Comrade!"

Mary Paulukonis, widow of the deceased Comrade, extends her gratitude to all who have assisted and comforted during a trying time.

Marcantonio Bill For Jobless Will Get Hearing Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Public hearings on the Marcantonio Work Relief Standards Bill to create a \$6,000,000,000 fund for adequate relief to those now jobless will open in a few weeks.

Representative Marcantonio (Rep., N. Y.) made this announcement at a time when it is becoming increasingly apparent the Roosevelt administration is planning even deeper slashes in relief appropriations for the next few months.

Roosevelt's scheme of appropriating money for only seven months of the year, beginning July 1, instead of as customarily for the full year, is proposed solely for the purpose of cutting work relief.

Units, sub-sections and sections of the Communist Party in District 13 should immediately call in all collection lists and other material of the Western Worker Financial Drive and remit all funds to the Western Worker Drive Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.

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